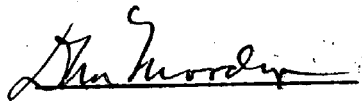


April 4, 1927.

I hereby veto Senate Bill Number 437, being "An Act to revive and extend the time of expiration of oil and gas permit No. 7987 on 36.2 acres of the bed of Goose Creek in Harris County, Texas, for a period of three years from June 11th, 1927, upon the same terms and conditions on which the original permit was issued, and declaring an emergency."

It appears that the persons holding oil and gas permit No. 7987 covering 36.2 acres of land in the bed of Goose Creek, Harris County, Texas, have done nothing toward meeting the conditions of the permit, which would, if properly carried out, entitle them to a lease on the land covered by the permit. Apparently they desire an extension of this permit for a period of more than three years, considering that the bill was passed March 7th, 1927, or for a period of three years from June 11, 1927, in the hope that the United States may recede from its position of prohibiting the drilling of wells for oil in navigable waters, and that the holders of the permit may thereby be enabled to proceed to drill in the area covered by the permit. Circumstances suggest very strongly that the extension is sought to the end that the holders of the permit may speculate upon the interest of the State in the mineral properties in said area. No claim is made of the expenditure of large sums of money in an effort to develop the property, and no equities are shown which would suggest that the holders of the permit are entitled to the special privileges which this act would give to them.

For the reasons stated I hereby veto this bill.



Governor of Texas.